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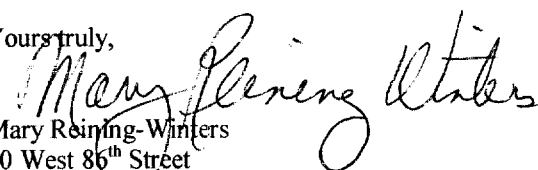
Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/cp1

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to encourage that you grant the above petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. It is known that it is impossible to move downed animals humanely and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains. Also, there has been evidence that downed animals can be afflicted with a form of BSE and pose an increased risk for bacterial contamination.

Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. I strongly urge you to do every thing in your power to pass this petition.

Yours truly,


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